

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on: 9/28/2005
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,4,6,7 and 9-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

In the claim:

1. In claim 7, line 9, the term "portable information apparatus." has been replaced with -- portable information apparatuses. --

(End of Amendment)

Note: the above amendment has been made in order to place the claim in condition for allowance by adding es to the term apparatus at the end.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 3, 7 and 11, the prior art of record teaches of a portable information apparatus having communications tools, the portable information apparatus including: a wireless transmission/reception section for transmitting to and receiving from an external wireless transmitter/receiver electromagnetic signals; an operation section for performing various operations; a display section for displaying status of the operations made by the operation section, and status and the results of transmission/reception operations made by the wireless transmission/reception section; and a control section connected with the wireless transmission/reception section, operation section, and display section, for controlling overall actions of the portable information apparatus, the portable information apparatus further comprising reception means, within or outside the wireless transmission/reception section, for receiving a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal transmitted

by the electromagnetic waves from an external facility, and for enabling/disabling the transmission functions of the wireless transmission/reception section upon receipt of the communication prohibition signal and/or the communication permission signal.

The prior art of record fails to teach **where the communication prohibition signal and/or the communication permission signal are/is weaker than the electromagnetic waves transmitted from the wireless transmission/reception section of the portable information apparatus/es**. Also, the prior art of record does not teach where **the communication prohibition signal and/or the communication permission signal are/is weak enough not to influence the electromagnetically susceptible apparatus**.

3. Claims 4, 6 and 9-10 depend on claims 3 and 7, respectively; therefore, the examiner gives the same reasons for allowance as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US Patent No.: 6,496,703 B1, teaches of a system disabling wireless communication devices.

US Patent No.: 6,201,973, relates to a mobile communications apparatus adapted to a plurality of transmission inhibition areas.

US Patent No.: 6,052,577, refers to a limiting system and portable phone.

US Patent No.: 6,233,448, teaches of a system, method and apparatus for activation/deactivation features based upon position.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angelica Perez whose telephone number is 571-272-7885. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

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